

**A.—Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Minister for Home).—**

(a) One person belonging to Pavagada Taluk was detained under Rule 30 of the Defence of India Rules.

(b) 12-11-1965.

(c) 11-11-1965.

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—The Journalist has been released and therefore I do not want to put any supplementaries.

### **Jeep given to the Executive Engineer, Madhugiri.**

**\*Q.—625. SRI C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Sira).—**

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the jeep given to the Executive Engineer, Madhugiri Division caught fire some time back and the reasons for it ;

(b) whether there was any enquiry in the matter and if so, the outcome of the enquiry ?

**A.—SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Public Works).—**

(a) Yes ; by accident.

(b) Enquiry was conducted by the Police Authorities ; the report in ' B ' form submitted by them stating that the cause of fire was purely accidental was accepted by the Magistrate.

**\*SRI C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—**May I know the nature of the accident by which this jeep was burnt ?

**SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—**The nature of accident is purely accidental

**SRI G. V. GOWDA.—**Under what circumstances this accident happened ?

**SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—**As I said already, the accident was purely accidental and it took place at about 2-30 A.M. It is said that it is due to a short circuit of the electric wires at the time of parking. The wire seemed to have caught fire and the fire spread to the front seat and then to the other parts of the jeep.

**SRI K. LAKKAPPA.—**Is it not a fact that even the public have made a complaint against the Executive Engineer who is directly responsible for the fire accident to the jeep belonging to the P.W.D. ? Are these complaints enquired into and what action Government have taken with regard to this ?

**SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—**The Police have investigated into the matter. They have filed a " B " sheet and it has been approved by the Magistrate.

SRI C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—A number of complaints were made to Government and also to the Superintending Engineer, Bangalore Circle by the public in regard to this fire accident which happened in the Executive Engineer's residence. Has any enquiry been made?

SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—It is true that on the basis of complaints, the police were asked to investigate into the cause of the accident. They have said that there is no evidence to show that this was a deliberate act. So, they sent a "B sheet" which was filed before the court. It has been approved by the Court.

SRI K. LAKKAPPA.—Is not the Executive Engineer transferred from that place due to dereliction of duty?

SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—No; in the normal course, he has been transferred.

SRI G. V. GOWDA.—May I know whether any other material in the Executive Engineer's residence also caught fire and any damage done?

MR. SPEAKER.—Whether inside the jeep or outside; let us be precise.

SRI G. V. GOWDA.—Apart from the jeep and the material inside the jeep, was there any other material outside the jeep which also received damage?

SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—The wooden frames of the two doors of the garage have been burnt and a cupboard is also slightly burnt.

SRI K. LAKKAPPA.—After receiving the complaint, whether a departmental enquiry was made and if not, why the department did not take the allegation of the public into consideration and hold an enquiry?

SRI B. B. SHANKAR RAO.—I do not think it is necessary to have a departmental enquiry when it is certain that the fire is due to accident. The police have reported that it is not due to any of these causes but it is purely accidental.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಈ ಜೀಪು ಸುಟ್ಟು ಹೋದುದು ಪಾರ್ಟ್ ಸರ್ಕ್ಯೂಟ್‌ನಿಂದ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು ಸುಟ್ಟು ಹೋದ ಮೇಲೆ ಪಾರ್ಟ್ ಸರ್ಕ್ಯೂಟ್‌ನಿಂದ ಆಯಿತೆಂದು ಹೇಗೆ ಕಂಡು ಹಿಡಿದರು?

MR. SPEAKER.—If the report is like that, we are not going to analyse it now. The member may take such steps as are necessary. Unless the report is confidential, a copy may be placed on the Table and the matter will end. I am not going to hold a post-mortem here.

SRI G. V. GOWDA.—When it is complained that it is due to short circuit that this has happened, whether any representation has been made to the Electricity Department to verify that report and whether it is on record that the electricity department came and rectified the mistake?

SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—The complaint is not that it was due to short-circuit. Subsequently it was inferred that it might be due to short-circuit.

SRI K. LAKKAPPA.—In respect of that enquiry, whether the electricity department has been enquired by the police and is there a report to that effect?

SRI G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—When the jeep is burnt along with the wire, nothing can be done and it does not serve any purpose by referring it to the technical experts to examine after that.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಜೆ. ಮುಕ್ಕಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ಜೀಪ್ ನಿಂತಿದ್ದ ಕಡೆ ಸುಮಾರು 50 ಲೀಟರ್ ಪೆಟ್ರೋಲ್, 15 ಹೊರ ಹುಲ್ಲು, ಒಂದು ಎಮ್ಮೆ—ಈ ಮೂರೂ ಇತ್ತು. ರಾತ್ರಿ 10 ಘಂಟೆಯ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ಎಗ್ಜಿಕ್ಯೂಟಿವ್ ಎಂಜಿನಿಯರ ಅಳಿಯ ಬೀದಿ ಸೇದಿ ಬಿಸಾಡಿದ ತುಂಡಿನಿಂದ ಬೆಂಕಿ ಹತ್ತಿಕೊಂಡು ಜೀಪ್ ಸುಟ್ಟುಹೋಯಿತು. ಪೊಲೀಸ್‌ನವರು ಕರೆಸಿ ಕೇಳಿವಾಗಲೂ ಅವನು ನನ್ನದು ತಪ್ಪೆಂದು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡನಂತೆಂದು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ ?

MR. SPEAKER.—Order, order. The member is placing himself and me in the House in a very delicate situation by saying that he knows much more. One suggestion was, that a son-in-law of the Executive Engineer, after smoking threw away either a piece of match stick or a piece of beedi and there was petrol and all that. Are we going to investigate into the matter ?

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Sir, this is loss of Government property and when the Police went there along with the Circle Inspector, hundreds of people gathered there and made a statement that it was due to the mistake of the son-in-law of the Executive Engineer that this happened.

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—Sir, in view of the heavy damage sustained to Government, what action is proposed to be taken against the Executive Engineer to fix the responsibility ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—No responsibility can be fixed on him because it is not within the purview of his knowledge and also within his control. It is not such a big damage and the damage is only Rs. 4,750.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the Assistant Commissioner who is living by the side of the Executive Engineer's house, his servants and his wife carried water to extinguish the fire ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—It is what you or I would do when something takes fire.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—May I know whether it is borne out by records ? Has the Assistant Engineer given evidence ? I went there at 10.15 and smoke was coming out. I saw the Assistant Engineer, his servants, and the wife of the Executive Engineer and others were pouring water. May I know whether this is a fact or not ?

MR. SPEAKER.—The suggestion is to enquire into the matter. All these things can come under supplementary budget.

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—May I know whether the Government will constitute an enquiry committee to go into this question ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—The whole thing is analysed and there has been investigation by the police and the Magistrate also is satisfied that it is accidental.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಜೆ. ಮುಕ್ಕಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಡ್ರಾಮೇಜ್ ಆದ ಜೀಪನ್ನು ರಿಪೇರಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಕಂಪನಿ ಯಾವುದು ? ಎಷ್ಟು ಡ್ರಾಮೇಜ್ ಎಂದು ಎಸ್ತಿಮೇಟು ಆಗಿತ್ತು ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—The estimated damage is about Rs. 4,750 and the jeep has been repaired and put into commission.

Sri B. NANJAPPA.—May I know whether the vehicle has been insured ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—Generally the vehicles of the department are insured.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the company which repaired this, has made an estimate of Rs. 13,500 for repairing the vehicle ?

Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO.—I have said that the jeep has been repaired at a cost of Rs. 4,750.

MR. SPEAKER.—Question No. 619 and 630 will be held over as the Minister is unwell and he is not coming.

## SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

### Arrests in Davanagere during July 1966.

Q.—37. Sri S. GOPALA GOWDA (Thirthahalli) Sri Gangadhar Namoshi (Gulbarga) and Sri A. KERISHNA SHETTY (Mangalore-II).—

Will the Minister for Home be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of persons were arrested on the morning of 17th July 1966 at Davanagere at the time of the M.P.C.C. session ;

(b) If so, the number of persons arrested ;

(c) whether it is a fact that one of the persons so arrested is an advocate and Chairman, Land Development Bank, Chitradurga ?

A.—Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Minister for Home).—

(a) Yes.

(b) 14.

(c) Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲ ಗೌಡ.—17-7-1966ನೇ ದಿವಸ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ 144ನೇ ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ರಾಮರಾವ್.—ಇಲ್ಲ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಕಾನೂನು ಪ್ರಕಾರ ನಿಷೇಧಾಜ್ಞೆ ಹಾಕಿದ್ದರು.

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—Section 144 was promulgated and police staff was posted there and it was an unnecessary expenditure. Therefore, how many police men were posted ?

MR. SPEAKER.—It does not come under a supplementary.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—When the M.P.C.C. was held at Davanagere what was the apprehension expected by the Government as to issue direction to promulgate section 144 and take 14 people into custody ?

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Precautionary measures were taken to ensure that breach of peace did not occur.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿದ್ದಯ್ಯ ಕಾಶೀಮಠ.—144 ಸೆಕ್ಷನ್ ಜಾರಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದರೂ ಕೂಡ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ಸಿ. ಸಿ. ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ಹೇಗೆ ಕಂಡಕ್ಟ್ ಮಾಡಿದರು ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ವಿ. ರಾಮರಾವ್.—ನಾನು ಹಾಗೆ ಹೇಳಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲ ಗೌಡ.—14 ಜನರನ್ನು ಬಂಧಿಸರಾಯಿತು ಎಂದು ಉತ್ತರ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅವರನ್ನು ಯಾವ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಂಧಿಸಿದರು ? ಯಾವ ಕಾರಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ? ಅವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಪೊಕಡ್ಡುಮೆ ಹಾಕಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೇ ?